Administrations for providing adequate security to Shri Rajiv Gandhi during his visits to concerned States and UTs.

Stopping of National Anthem in Punjab Schools

1100. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :
SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'National Anthem stopped in some Punjab Schools, which appeared in the Times of India, dated the 21st February, 1900 ; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the Government of Punjab, instances have come to notice where the extremists' groups have managed to stop the practice of singing National Anthem in the morning assembly prayers of some school in Jandialaguru area of Amritsar district. The concerned SSP has been directed by the State Government to take appropriate legal and preventive action in the matter.

सीमावर्ती क्षेत्रों में पहचान पत्र जारी किया जाना

1101. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :
श्री कैलाशपति मिश्र :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने सीमावर्ती क्षेत्रों में रहने वाले भारतीय नागरिकों को पहचान पत्र जारी करने का निर्णय किया है ; यदि हां, तो इससे क्या लाभ होने की संभावना है और पूर्वी तथा पश्चिमी सीमाओं के उन जिलों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जिन्हें इस प्रकार के पहचान पत्र जारी करने के लिये चुना गया है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार भारत-पाक सीमा पर एक सुरक्षा पट्टी बनाने का विचार रखती है ; यदि हां, तो उसके लिये क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ; और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री मुफ्ती मोहम्मद सईद) (क) राजस्थान के गंगानगर, बाड़मेर जैसलमेर तथा बीकानेर जिलों और गुजरात के कच्छ तथा बानसकथा जिलों में पहचान पत्र जारी करने की एक प्रायोगिक योजना कार्यान्वित की जा रही है । योजना के उद्देश्य हैं ; वास्तविक निवासियों को दर्ज करना, निवासियों की स्थिति के संबंध में विश्वसनीय सूचना एकत्र करना और उन आगन्तुकों के आने-जाने की जांच करना जो 30 दिन से अधिक समय तक ठहरते हों । ज्योंही इस लागू योजना का मूल्यांकन किया जाएगा, सरकार इसे देश के अन्य भागों में भी लागू करने पर विचार करेगी ।

(ख) ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है ।

Malpractices prevauing in the Commercial services of Doordarshan

1102. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government have seen a report in Times of India dated 28th January, 1990 stating the malpractices prevailing in the commercial services of Doordarshan ; if so, what are the facts and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : The Government have seen the article in question which appeared under the caption 'Murkier Aspects of Doordarshan'. It contains generalised allegations without being supported by any specifics. It is not, therefore, possible to take any concrete action in the matter. Nevertheless, the Government have decided to remove all possible sources of malpractices by effecting procedural changes.

Killings in Punjab and Kashmir

1103. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to * state :

(a) what is the number of persons who have been looted and killed by terriorists in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir during the last three months ;

(b) what steps Government have taken to protect people of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir ; and

(c) what arrangements have been made to provide ration articles such as wheat, rice, vegetable and dais, sugar and edible oils to the people of Kashmir where curfew has been imposed and people of the State are not able to come out for their work?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED) : (a) According to information available the number of persons who have lost their lives during the relevant period is as follows :—

	No. of Persons killed in		
	Dec. 89	Jan. 90	Feb. 90
Punjab	121	126	95
J&K	18	78	54

Information about the number of persons looted during the period is being collected.

(b) The State Governments have taken appropriate security measures. Central assistance by way of deployment of para-military forces have also been extended as and when required.

(c) Details in this regard are being collected.

12-00 NOON

Felicitations to Namibia on its independence

MR. CHAIRMAN : As Members are aware, freedom has dawned on Nambia early this morning. India has always stood behind and supported the cause of Namibian people's struggle for freedom. On behalf of the entire House and on my own behalf I extend greetings and good wishes to the people of Namibia who have achieved their independence after decades of struggle. This is also a fulfilment of the pledge taken by the framers of our Constitution at the time we became free where it was said that freedom was indivisible. Namibia is a diamond-rich country and we in this House as also the entire nation have no doubt that like a diamond, Namibia also will join in the comity of free nations and make progress and contribute to promoting international goodwill, understanding and peace. It is heartening that India.is represented in the glorious hour of Namibia's independence by the Prime Minister of our Government and it has also decided to establish full diplomatic relations with Namibia. I have no doubt that our close and friendly ties with Namibia will get added strength with the passage of time. I would be failing in my duty if I